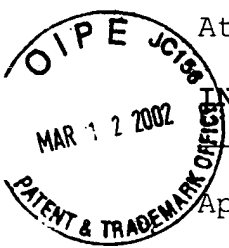


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Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, below the title and above "FIELD OF THE INVENTION", insert the following paragraph:

--This applicaiton is a continuation application of International Application PCT/JP01/05209 filed June 19, 2001, which was not published in English.--.

The present amendment inserts the notice specified in
35 USC 120. Entry is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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